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IN THE HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
AT AMARAVATI **[3521]**
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE 11th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2026

PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE DR JUSTICE Y. LAKSHMANA RAO

CRIMINAL PETITION NO: 9663/2026

Between:

SALADI RAMGOPAL, ALIAS RAMAGOPAL NAIDU, ALIAS SUNKARA SIVA, S/O LATE NAGESWARA RAO, AGED ABOUT 57 YEARS, R/O D. NO. 9-5-50/B, PITAPURAM COLONY, VISAKHAPATANAM CITY.

...PETITIONER/ACCUSED

AND

THE STATE OF ANDHRA PRADESH, REP. BY PUBLIC PROSECUTOR,HIGH COURT OF ANDHRA PRADESH AT AMARAVATHI, GUNTUR DISTRICT,522239.

...RESPONDENT/COMPLAINANT

Counsel for the Petitioner/accused:

MANTAPAMPALLE RAMPRASAD

Counsel for the Respondent/complainant:

PUBLIC PROSECUTOR

The Court made the following:

ORDER:

The Criminal Petition has been filed under Sections 480 and 483 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 (for brevity 'the BNSS'), seeking to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.1 on bail in connection with C.C.No.21 of 2018 on the file of the learned Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Visakhapatnam in Crime No.84 of 2017 of P.M.Palem Police Station, Visakhapatnam District, registered for the alleged offences punishable under Sections 420, 468, 471 read with 120-B of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 (for brevity 'the IPC') and Section 66C and 66D of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

2. Heard the learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor. Perused the material available on record.

3. As seen from the record, the petitioner has been in judicial custody for the past 16 days pursuant to his arrest on 26.10.2026. The case pertains to the year 2018. As the petitioner failed to appear before the learned Trial Court, the learned Trial Court was constrained to issue a Non-Bailable Warrant (NBW) against him. Keeping the petitioner in judicial custody for months together in connection with an offence punishable under Section 420 of 'the IPC' would not be warranted. If certain conditions are imposed upon the petitioner to ensure his appearance before the learned Trial Court, the ends of justice would be served.

4. Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court is inclined to enlarge the Petitioner/Accused No.1 on bail, subject to certain stringent conditions.

5. In the result, the Criminal Petition is allowed with the following stringent conditions:

i. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall be enlarged on bail subject to his executing a bond for a sum of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) with two sureties for the like sum each to the satisfaction of the learned Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Visakhapatnam.

ii. The petitioner/Accused No.1 shall appear before the learned Trial Court on each and every date of hearing without fail. In the event of the petitioner failing to appear, the learned Trial Court is at liberty to proceed in accordance with law.

iii. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not leave the limits of the State of Andhra Pradesh without prior permission from the learned Trial Court concerned.

iv. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not commit or indulge in commission of any offence while on bail.

v. The Petitioner/Accused No.1 shall not, directly or indirectly, make any inducement, threat or promise to any person acquainted with the facts of the case so as

to dissuade him/her from disclosing such facts to the Court.

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DR. Y. LAKSHMANA RAO, J

Date: 11.11.2026
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